

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

December 7th, 2019 – 9:00 am

Attending: Rebecca Turner, Bill Wood, Abigail Rogers-McKee, Stephen Piersanti

Absent: Elliott Snyder, Barbara Kalish

- **Meeting Minutes:** November meeting minutes approved.
- **Holiday Gift:** Money was collected from the members and Rebecca will purchase the holiday gift.
 - A mail basket should be installed outside the archives door for Commission correspondence. Abby will purchase a basket for the Commission.
- **Library Use of Second Floor Room:** On November 19th the Commission received a letter from the Trustees requesting the use of the second-floor meeting room by the Literacy Network on Tuesday's from 2-4. The Commission agreed this would be fine but the items currently stored in the room and the computer will need to be either relocated or more properly secured. It was thought that if possible, the door between the meeting room and the archives should also be secured with a lock to provide more security to the archives when the room is in use but the Commission members are not on site. Rebecca will compose an official response letter for the trustees and also speak with Lesliann about the room use. Until items in the room can be re-catalogued and sorted the Commission will request the following:
 - Open items on the shelves should not be touched as they are part of the town historical archives and are catalogued into our system in their current locations
 - The computer is for commission use only as it contains digital copies of the archives as well as commission documents.
 - The main archives room are not to be entered without a member of the Commission present.
- **Oral History:** Barbara will have her first interview with Nancy Koontz on December 12th and would like to schedule additional interviews. Other people Commission members recommended for interviewing include Richard Burdsall, Ellen and Charlie Proctor, Dave and Erika Sheldon, the Vosburgs, Bob Warner, Susan Whit and Bill Turner.
- **MACRIS:** Rebecca received a contract from Neil Larson for Phase 4 of the MACRIS update. She will forward it to the town for a signature and to send out the first payment.
- **Newsletter Article:** Stephen will write an article for the January newsletter, due December 20th.
- **2019 Commission Budget:** Abigail will prepare materials for the budget submittal to the town. Rebecca will do some additional research on computer pricing and possible programs for the request.
- **Demolition Delay Bylaw:** Bill reviewed the outline demolition delay bylaw being presented by Lenox and re-formatted the documents to apply to Egremont. Rebecca will review and at the next meeting propose how to proceed with presenting the information to the planning board.
- **New Members:** Ellen Maggio requested to join the Commission at today's meeting and all Commissioners thought this would be a great match! She will email Mary Brazie to request appointment by the selectmen.

Addendum

Susan Bachelder will reach out to the Massachusetts Historical Commission about the possibility of using some of the State emergency funds to help with the tree removal because of the closeness to the Library which is a National Register Historic building.

Next Proposed Meeting: Saturday January 4th @ 10 am

Submitted by Rebecca Turner, Chair & Secretary